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SUBJ: MEDICAL EVACUATION OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR

1. SOVIET DCMSGRUSHETSKY TELLS ME THAT, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF BOTH A MOSCOW PHYSICIAN AND LOCAL BANGALEE DOCTOR, AMBASSADOR FOMIN WILL BE MEDICALLY EVACUATED TO MOSCOW ON FEBRUARY 23. GRUSHETSKY SAID THAT FOMIN IS IN BAD SHAPE, THAT HE IS NOT ALLOWED EVEN IN A SITTING POSITION, THAT HE EXPECTS A SPECIALLY CONFIGURED PLANE TO ARRIVE ON THE REGULAR AEROFLOT RUN FEBRUARY 23 TO MAKE FOMIN'S TRIP MORE COMFORTABLE, AND THAT NO ONE WOULD BE ALLOWED AT THE AIRPORT TO SEE HIM OFF EXCEPT GRUSHETSKY. HE SAID THAT WIDESPREAD RUMORS HERE THAT FOMIN HAD SUFFERED HEART ATTACKS WERE NO ACCURATE; GRUSHETSKY SAID THAT FOMIN'S PROBLEM WAS HIS HEART BUT THAT HE HAD NOT STRICTLY SPEAKING SUFFERED ANY "ATTACKS." WE HAVE HAD ANOTHER REPORT, ATTRIBUTED TO HIS BANGALEE DOCTOR, THAT FOMIN'S PROBLEM IS A HEART WEAKNESS AGAINST BACKGROUND OF DIABETIC CONDITION.

2. DACCA PRESS TODAY ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF VALENTIN P. STEPANOV, CHIEF OF SOUTH ASIAN DEPARTMENT OF SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO SRI LANKA, AS FOMIN'S SUCCESSOR.

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